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REVIEWED BY *2.14.00* DATE *1/1/78*
PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

1. FROM REPORT OF REEVE OF CONTACTED BOLE SPANISH AND
BRITISH EMBASSIES AS WELL AS VENEZUELAN CONSUL GENERAL TO
DETERMINE WHETHER THEY HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY THE SECRET-
TARIAT OF JURISTS FOR ANVSEY IN URGUAY REGARDING THE PROPOSED
VISIT HERE. NONT HAD EYE ALL SAID THEY WOULD COPY THIS
FORIGN MINISTER.
2. SEPARATELY,
IN ARGENTINA (,
SCADROS) GAVE
THE JURISTS,
TO THE VISITOR
PROGRAM HERE.
3. GROUP IS PLANNING TO CALL ON THE
BRITISH AND THE U.S. EMBASSIES. THE SPANISH AMBASSADOR READ
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ME THE PETITION THEY HAD SENT TO HIM REQUESTING THE MEETING,
WHICH STATES THAT THE GROUP IS INTERESTED IN THEIR 14
CHILDREN WHO HAD DISAPPEARED IN ARGENTINA. NO MENTION IS MADE
OF THE JURISTS' VISIT.
3. THE VENEZUELAN CONSUL GENERAL

IDENTIFIED DR. AGUILAS ORRA AS A VERY PERSISTENT LAWYER
IN VENEZUELA.

4. IT IS UNCLEAR WHY THE GROUP IS PLANNING A VISIT TO RIO TO
CONSULT WITH THE UNGE WHEN THE U.N. OFFICE HAS SERVICES
URGUYAN RIGHTS IS LOCATED IN BUENOS AIRES. EQUALLY
PUZZLING IS WHY GOLDMAN WOULD TALK WITH THE GROUP
WAS ATTEMPTING TO FACILITATE PERMISSION TO VISIT HERE THROUGH

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THE BRITISH AND SPANISH EMBASSIES IN MONTEVIDEO WHEN NEITHER OF THOSE EMBASSIES KNEW ANYTHING ABOUT THE VISIT UNTIL WE APPROACHED THEM. AND WE ALSO FAIL TO SEE HOW LETTERS PUBLISHED IN EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS URGING THE GOU TO PERMIT THE VISIT WILL HAVE ANY EFFECT HERE, IF NO ONE FROM THE ORGANIZATION IS DIRECTLY PETITIONING THE URUGUAYAN GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO VISIT. (NOTE: NOTHING IN REPTEL INDICATES THAT SUCH REPRESENTATION IS BEING MADE.)

5. APPARENTLY LITTLE OR NOTHING HAS BEEN DONE BY THE JURISTS FOR AMNESTY IN URUGUAY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO VISIT URUGUAY OR TO PLAN AN ITINERARY HERE. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES, IF THEY DO RESOLVE THEIR PROBLEMS AND ARE GRANTED VISAS, THE ODDS ARE AGAINST THEIR MEETING WITH ANYONE OF SUFFICIENT STATURE WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT

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TO HAVE THE TRIP WORTHWHILE. WE ALSO ARE CONCERNED THAT AN UNANNOUNCED AND UNPLANNED VISIT OF THIS SORT WILL LIKELY FAIL TO MOVE THE GOU IN A POSITIVE DIRECTION AND AS A CONSEQUENCE THE GROUP WILL CRITICIZE THE GOU FOR THAT FAILURE. THIS WOULD FURTHER FEED THE PARANOIA HERE WHICH WE ARE TRYING TO DIMINISH. IT COULD ALSO INCREASE THE EXISTING ANTI-PATHY WITHIN THE GOU TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS VISITORS, WHICH COULD HAVE UNFAVORABLE REPERCUSSIONS AFFECTING THE ABA AND CARTER/MENDEZ FOLLOW-UP VISITS.

6. IN LIGHT OF THE ABOVE, THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD CALL IN GOLDMAN AND INFORM HIM THAT HIS MISSION APPEARS HEADED FOR FAILURE, THAT WE ARE CONCERNED THAT IT WILL BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE TO OUR EFFORTS, AND THAT WE ARE RELUCTANT TO BE ASSOCIATED CLOSELY WITH THE GROUP UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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